

Infrastructure Finance Committee
Suggested Compromises
April 10, 2003

Overall Proposal - Infrastructure financing gap closed by a combination of general obligation bonds, an occupation tax on gasoline providers, and a wheel tax.

- General obligation bonding used only for projects stated in the comprehensive plan. The Antelope Valley project and the Beltway project need to proceed simultaneously to balance City spending on the edge and the core of the City. The goal through all these issues is to balance the variety of needs of the City. Both the existing and the new growth areas of the City need to be supported.
- The Comprehensive Plan is the City's guide for growth. It is the basis for the City's Infrastructure Finance Plan. If the City does not succeed in gaining approval for necessary financing to accomplish the Plan, the Plan should then be amended to reflect the actual funding capability of the City. The goal is to accurately reflect the City's ability to accommodate growth.

Specific Proposals:

1. Increase sidewalk rehabilitation to \$500,000 next year from current \$250,000 and to \$1 million a year thereafter utilizing general obligation bonding.
2. The City has quadrupled the rehabilitation of residential streets. This must continue as the minimum level of funding. By June 1, 2004 the funding level will be enhanced by developing a funding program that maintains a reasonable standard that will be established for residential and arterial streets based on an evaluation process to be implemented by public works.
3. Impact fees need to be supported in the MIFC's final report as it is an integral part of infrastructure finance. These recommendations are based on an assumption Impact Fees will not be reversed in court, repealed or reduced.
4. When Impact Fees were adopted it was assumed they would be automatically adjusted annually for construction inflation. The language of the ordinance must be clarified to accomplish this goal. The ordinance does call for a review of the Impact Fee schedule after five years.